

Amendment After Allowance under 37 CFR 1.312  
Date filed September 3, 2007  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/645,853

### **REMARKS**

This is an Amendment after Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312 and MPEP 714.16.

On June 27, 2007, a Notice of Allowance was mailed for the above-captioned patent application. Claim 11 has been amended in order to correct an informality therein (i.e., to have the preamble of claim 11 consistent with the preamble of the remaining corresponding claims)..

Pursuant to MPEP §714.16, it is the applicants position that the amendment to the claim 11 is a mere correction of formal matter in claim 11 without changing the scope of the allowed claims.

Furthermore, it is the applicants position that such amendment to claim 11, pursuant to MPEP §714.16: (1) is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the applicants invention, and (2) requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

If for any reason, the Examiner has any questions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for a telephone conference in order to help expedite the disposition of this

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application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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